



The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

This Week at the Priory

The Priory is closed on Monday

Tuesday - Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer

9:00am Mass

5:00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday September 2nd

14th After Trinity

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Whoever
eats my flesh
and drinks
my blood
remains in
me, and I in
them.

John 6:56 (NIV)



Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia Jesus said:
The words I have spoken to you are spirit and
they are life. **Alleluia.**

Hymn: 456

For your prayers this week

Pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa Abp. Thabo Makgoba. Jonathan our Bishop and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society. Bp John Gaisford. All Saints, Babbacombe, Fr Paul. St Mary the Virgin, St Marychurch, Fr Robert. St James, Norton Canes, Fr Neil. The Holy Angels, Hoar Cross, Fr Graham. St. Michael and All Angels, Cross Heath, Fr Derek.

Pray for this Priory, Fr. Paul and the Trustees

Pray for the peace of the world.

Pray for those in need: the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, for refugees, for all victims of terrorism, cruelty or abuse, the lonely, the frightened, the despairing and the bereaved.

Pray for those who are sick or in need: Simon, Naomi, Derek, Barbara, Ray, Patti, Lisa, Helen, Karen, Jacqui, Pam, Duncan, Marion, Marjorie, James, Nigel, Allan, Heather, Angela, Warren, Barry, Sr Catherine, Ruth, Gillian, Clive, Bp Damien, Fr Chris.

Pray for the departed Bp. Robert Eden, Mother Anne, Bp. Charles Grafton, Sr Paula of the Annunciation.

Readings for next Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Jesus has said that he is divine and the *living bread*. Now he says that partaking in the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, establishes a lasting relationship, a community of life, a mutual indwelling, between him and the believer. "Living Father" reminds us of "living bread" the Father sent the Son to give life, and the life the Son has is the Father's, given to the Son; this type of relationship is extended to the partaker in the Eucharist. This bread is "from heaven" as was manna ("which your ancestors ate"), but it is much more effective: it is the eucharistic sacrament of life. Jesus now leaves the "synagogue".

Many of his followers find "this teaching" "difficult", i.e. offensive: eating flesh is repugnant; he offends Jewish belief by claiming to be "from heaven" and to give life (only God can do that). Jesus says: *if you can't accept these things, seeing me ascend to heaven will really confound you*. I speak spiritually, not literally: "it is the spirit that gives life", is the life-giving factor. Humanity, even Christ in human form, is "useless" without the spirit. Jesus' words link life with spirit. Some, he says, do not believe, so the Eucharist is nonsense to them. Belief in him is a gift from the Father. This leads many to desert him (as later many left the Church. Jesus offers the twelve the chance to leave him. Peter replies on their behalf: we are on the way to knowing you, for we already believe in you; we know why you came.

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